

Health and Human Services Department. Lori has served as a social worker in Montgomery County Child Welfare for 21 years and has been involved in Adoption Services since 1991. She has been instrumental in finding permanent loving homes for more than 160 children.

Lori is a tireless advocate on behalf of the children with whom she works. She ensures that the clinical needs of her children are met and she works with families to resolve difficulties that arise during the adoption process. Indeed, she is known for her adept handling of conflicts that arise from cultural differences. Thanks to her exceptional skills and professionalism, many families have specifically requested Lori's assistance in the adoption process.

Lori is also dedicated to finding ways to improve the systems for handling adoption cases. For example, she developed a database system that better facilitates adoptions by carefully tracking milestones. Lori is known as a respected leader by her colleagues and others working on adoptions in Montgomery County.

Lori's compassion, determination and commitment to her important work have made her a true Angel to countless children and families. I am pleased to name Lori Weinstein a 2009 Angel in Adoption.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHANNON MCCOMB FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Shannon McComb showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Shannon McComb was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Shannon McComb always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Shannon McComb on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the record that I was unavoidably absent and unable to vote on rollcall votes 740, 741, and 742. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Nos. 741 and 742, and "nay" on No. 740.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, yesterday evening, I was unfortunately detained and missed the recorded vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 905, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 740.

**HONORING THE HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SISTERS IN THE UNITED STATES**

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution to honor the historical contributions of Catholic sisters in the United States.

In 1727, nine Ursuline Sisters from France arrived in New Orleans to live and work. Since then, Catholic sisters have contributed to the vitality of this country through their dedication to education, health, and social justice. Today the approximately 59,000 Catholic sisters in the U.S. continue to educate our youth, nurse the sick, and serve the most vulnerable in our society.

Catholic sisters have provided a well-rounded education to millions of students across the U.S. They established the nation's largest private school system and founded more than 110 colleges and universities. Attending an all day Catholic kindergarten gave me a strong start in my own education. Later, I attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, now St. Catherine's University. It was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1905 and for more than 100 years has educated students of diverse ages and backgrounds in a tradition of the liberal arts and social justice. At St. Catherine's, I had the opportunity to student teach at St. Luke's Catholic School in St. Paul and worked with educators who enriched students' lives through academics and spiritual development.

As the United States expanded westward, Catholic sisters not only built schools but also established hospitals and other charitable organizations. St. Paul is home to Minnesota's first hospital—St. Joseph's. It was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in 1853 in response to the cholera epidemic afflicting the Minnesota territory. My two children were born at St. Joseph's and to this day this hospital provides quality care to the people of Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District.

It is with gratitude for their commitment and efforts that I rise to thank Catholic sisters for their valuable contributions to our nation.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MIKE SMITH FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mike Smith showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Mike Smith was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Mike Smith always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Mike Smith on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 740 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 905), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 741 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 16), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 742 (on motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2997).

**A TRIBUTE TO SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT COMPANY IN GARLAND**

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional group of people at a superb company, Sherwin-Williams, in Garland, Texas.

This summer Sherwin-Williams in Garland marked two special-milestones—50 years of service and their historic 1 billionth gallon of paint produced at the nation's largest paint plant.

Founded in 1958, the plant opened with a production starting at 4 million gallons of paint a year. The company has grown to produce, on average, 20 million gallons a year. That translates to roughly 125 gallons per minute, 7,500 per hour, or 180,000 per day. The Garland plant now boasts 235 associates who work three shifts seven days a week.

With 1 billion gallons and a 4-inch paint brush you could: circle the earth 9,200 times; make 480 round trips of the moon; travel to Mars and back three times; cover Maryland and Delaware; paint the Golden Gate Bridge

21,000 times; paint the Empire State Building 72,000 times; paint the length of the Great Wall of China 2,400 times; or fill the Houston Astrodome 53 times.

Founded in 1866, the Sherwin-Williams Company is a global leader in the manufacture, development, distribution, and sale of

coatings and related products to professional industrial commercial and retail customers. The company manufactures products under well-known brands such as Sherwin-Williams®, Dutch Boy®, Krylon®, Minwax®, Thompson's® Water Seal®, and many more.

The folks at Sherwin-Williams Garland have achieved great things for their community, their industry and their company. Thank you and congratulations on your remarkable achievements. For your landmark milestones, I salute you.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## OCTOBER 2

9:30 a.m.

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for September 2009.

SD-106

## OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine minimizing potential threats from Iran, focusing on administration perspectives on economic sanctions and other United States policy options.

SD-538

10 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc.110-21).

SD-419

## Judiciary

Human Rights and the Law Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine accountability for human rights violators.

SD-226

## Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the Recovery Act for small businesses, focusing on what is working and what comes next.

SR-485

2 p.m.

## Judiciary

## Constitution Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the history and legality of executive branch "czars".

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export  
Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine promoting export success for small and medium-sized businesses.

SR-253

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Al-Qaeda, focusing on Afghanistan.

SD-419

## OCTOBER 7

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Communications and Technology Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004.

SR-253

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of M. Patricia Smith, of New York, to be Solicitor, Lorelei Boylan, of New York, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy, all of the Department of Labor, and Regina M. Benjamin, of Alabama, to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine workplace fairness.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine securitization of assets, focusing on problems and solutions.

SD-538

4 p.m.

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, of Maryland, to be a

Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

## OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures.

SD-562

10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

## Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865 and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico.

SD-366

## OCTOBER 21

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SR-418